INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS ON WAR AS SEEN BY "SUN" CORRESPONDENTS

ASQUITH FOES FAYOR CARSON FOR PREMIER

Opponents of Present War Policy Lean Toward Ex-Attorney-General.

GENERAL ELECTION DEMANDED BY MANY

Special Correspondence to THE BUN. LONDON, Dec. 31 .- Dissatisfied with methods of the coalition Governwhich, they allege, is waging the as if it were a mere lawsuit, a of Members of Parhament belongto both the Unionist and Liberal arties is contemplating the formation a National Coalition Opposition to possible constructive criticism in House of Commons and compet the ent to show more decision and olution in dealing with the various oblams arising out of the war.

Prondnent in this group of coalition ition members is Sir Arthur Mark m, who has led most of the criticism in the House of Commons since the ealition Government was formed, and the background, it is said, looms the powerful figure of Sir Edward Carson, who resigned from the Attorney-Generalthip because he considered the Government was not prosecuting the Balkar sumpaign with sufficient vigor.

One Liberal M. P., who during hi Barliamentry life has opposed Sir stion, but who is now throwing in as lot with the coalition opposition, dedares it his firm conviction that in welve months time Sir Edward Carson

will become Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
"Bome people." he says, "are under the extraordinary illusion that we have you the war already, or are in process winning it automatically. The Gov-mment, therefore, seems content to arry the blows of the enemy without oubling to take the initiative itself.

Friends of the coalition Cabinet," he and produced in the hundred years prebeen unanimous in complaining of the
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of Parliament and the Government there
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hands of certain elements in England re important-the character to with an expression of almost contempt. bold, aggressive decisions and

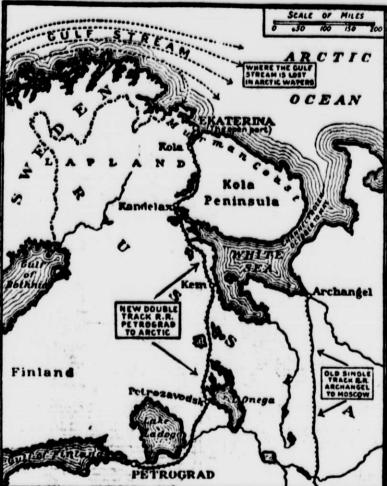
of a general election when the life of the present British Parliament expires on January 30, although the Government's Parliament and registration bill provides for the prolongation of the Parliamentary term for another twelve months. Prominent among the advocates of an early general election is Thomas Gibson Bowles, the well known British authority on sea law, blockade and contraband, who writes to the was one word which struck me more

s place.
"has been swallowed up by the our home. our home.

"There have been two great surprise in this gigantic war. One surprise thick as angels. All their corrupt licture as angels. All their corrupt licture for ourselves and the other for ourselves are for ourselves. professional boute-feux are enemy.

party peace. The law—and no old obsolete law, but one passed by the esent Parliament—ordains a dissolu-

THE new railway line from Petrograd to Ekaterina, just completed by American engineers, runs through a maze of lakes and swamps. The line is double tracked, in contrast with the railway from Archangel, which is also shown on the accompanying map.



dward Carson on almost every public FIGHTERS FROM OVERSEA RESENT ENGLISH SLURS

Term "Colonials" Said to Be Used Almost With Contempt-Lord Rosebery, Addressing Soldiers' Club, Lauds Empire's Defenders.

"Friends of the coalition Cabinet," he sadded, "tell us that there is no alternative to the present Government. Takes to the present Government. Takes of a club for men of the oversea forces. It is to see the speaker mentioned a subject which in 1789 thought that with the fall of the speaker mentioned a subject which has been the cause of complaint and produced in the hundred years present soldiers and statesmen than she from abroad to fight for Great Britain.

That is the giorious surprise our in the importation of munitions from that time a spirit to make any alarming sacrifice for the empire. Gradually transit of supplies, and the Tornea route the sentiment had become warmer under the inspiration of far seeing statesmen, who had fostered the idea, but no one could have believed that the dominions from that time a spirit to make any alarming searches for anything like rapid transit of supplies, and the Tornea route the sentiment had become warmer under the inspiration of far seeing statesmen, who had fostered the idea, but no one could have believed that the dominions from that time a spirit to make any alarming searches for anything like rapid transit of supplies, and the Tornea route the sentiment had become warmer under the inspiration of far seeing statesmen, who had fostered the idea, but no one could have believed that the dominions from that time a spirit to make any alarming searches for anything like rapid transit of supplies, and the Tornea route the sentiment had become warmer under the inspiration of far seeing statesmen, who had fostered the idea, but no one could have believed that the dominions from that time a spirit to make any alarming in the time a spirit to make any alarming to supplies for the empire. That the time a spirit to make any alarming in the time a spirit to make any alarming in the time a spirit to make any alarming in the time a spirit to make any alarming to supplies for the empire.

Lord Rosebery declared that all friends translate them into action promptly. Lord Rosehery declared that all friends the necessity arises the hour will of the empire would regret if the words "Colonies and Colonials" should again ing the men."

Coupled with the demand for a coallon opposition is a movement in favor
a general election when the life of
he said, best expressed those great over-

and contraband, who writes to the Nones insisting on the necessity for a new election and a free Parliament.

Defending the party system as best calculated to infuse energy into the Government, he points out that the coalition has killed party government, and while robbing the nation of all the advantages of that system, has put nothing in its place. "One party," says Mr. Bowles. "has been swallowed up by the Bowles. "has been swallowed up by the Bowles. "has been swallowed up by the Bowles." The people in these countries and had never stirred from them. So at first I often asked, 'But you are at home; this is your home?"

"Oh, no,' they replied. 'Britain is our brack the Fork."

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SAYS NEW HATE HYMN

this is your home?"

Latest German Attack on

"There have been two great surprises

called off to a common carouse of place.
There is peace in the constituencies, and the elector is free to choose an honest man wearing the badge of either party nearly seventy; which had made a comfer conditions infinitely more likely bring turmoil than these piping times merce unexampled in the history of the merce unexampled in

Special Correspondence to The Sun.

London, Dec. 31.—In Lord Rosebery's land that sentiment was by no means speech in Edinburgh, which he delivered on the occasion of the opening. One felt there was not at that time a spirit to make any alarm-

deal. So long as we stick together -and our union is now thickly cemented with just brought this great task to a suc-blood shed in this war—no danger can happen to us that we are not capable of Though the Arctic Ocean is the last

these islands to send forth her last man rather than be defeated in this war, for that would mean extinction for the empire. We, on the other hand, ask you not to fail us, to continue sending masses of heroic fellows to serve with our brave fellows at the front."

England Attributed to

Georg von Kries. Special Correspondence to THE SUN.

London, Dec. 24.—The Deutsche or of neither.

"In the twenty years of the great war with France they held six general elections and elected six new Parliaments from forty millions of population to thate" of which the following is a trans-Tageszeitung prints a new "hymn of pleted. The feat was one standing sec-One day to like the other, and every day

SOLVES SUPPLY PROBLEM NEED GREAT OFFENSIVE

Special Correspondence to THE SCH.
LONDON, Dec. 81.-When the history

Free Port to Petrograd

Completed.

Especial Correspondence to THE SUN.

London, Dec. 31.—When the history of the great European war comes to be written American achievement will stand out as one of Russia's principal helps if not indeed as actually saving that country.

American engineers have just freed Russia from the dangers of the Cerman blockade, from being cut off from practically all communication with her allies and American, British, French and Japanese munition factories, by the completion three weeks before outract time of the new double track railroad which connects Petrograd with the ice free Arctic port of Ekaterina and places. Russia in direct connection with the out-Russia in direct connection with the outside world. The new line is now in side world. The new line is now in practical operation, so far as sea traffic goes, a Norwegian vessel having com-pleted the trip to Ekaterina only the other day.

All that Russia now needs to put the

driven out of Poland by von Hindenburg it was plain to all students of military operations that war conditions in the Buitte and the Black Sea left. Russia in sore need of efficient and reliable comthis situation was accentuated by the failure of the attempt to break through o Russia by forcing the Dardanelles.

Drawbacks of Former Routes.

Russia had only three means of obtaining supplies and munitions from the outside world: (1) the route to the Arctic port of Archangel; (2) the trans-Arctic port of Archangel; (2) the transSiberian railroad and (3) the railroad to
Tornes and Sweden. All these have
great drawbacks which have greatly
impeded the Russian armies. The port
of Archangel, which American ships
carrying supplies to Russia have been
using during the past summer, is closed
by the iron grip of the Arctic winter
for at least five months in the year—
from January to May—and its railroad
communication with Petrograd is poor
and roundabout. The trans-Siberian
route, although employed to some extent
in the importation of munitions from in the importation of munitions from Japan, is useless for anything like rapid transit of supplies, and the Tornea route

Realizing that her success depended on receiving promptly large supplies of munitions of war from abroad, Russia called in American experts to build a railroad to her only ice free harbor in the north, and American industry has

Though the Arctic Ocean is the last place in the world where one would

Compared With Panama Canal. The new road has been built through be made by fresh troops, and those difficult country, a land of morass and swamp, where every foot of track had through the enemy's second line before to be consolidated, and yet at such pressure was the work carried out that 100 "But there is the difficulty. The troops

Panama Canal.

Russia now has an open door through

one day is like the other, and every day which she may look direct across the sgray; each day is full of fog and every Atlantic to New York, and the door is kept open for her by the British mayy.

world, having potent armies and potent present Parliament—ordains a dissolitation requires it and it is not better the possible that this nation was all the time to show reasons for IV.

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WESTERN DEADLOCK **AMERICANS FINISH** NEW RUSSIAN LINE NOT EASY TO CHANGE

Double Track Road From Ice British Observers Doubt if Either Side Can Alter Positions Yet.

are precedined with the Russian and Balkan fronts, to make the attack on a sufficiently broad front to insure suc-

practical operation, so far as sea traffic goes, a Norwegian vessel having completed the trip to Ekaterina only the other day.

All that Russia now needs to put the new Arctic Ocean line in full working order is a sufficient number of wood burning locomotives, which. I am told, will be built in the United States to Russian specifications, and the requisite number of large freight cars for carrying munitions, which are now being built by the Russian railway works at Kolombar 1 and 1 anxiously to the day when their high command will give orders for another big attack.

An interesting explanation of the dif-As interesting explanation of the dif-ficulties of trench warfare and the pos-sibilities of a coming offensive are given by an officer just returned from British general headquarters. "In studying the position in the west," he said, "It must be remembered that the conditions apply equally to either side, and the difficul-ties of the Allies are just the same as the difficulties of the Germans. "We have made several trench at-tacks on a considerable scale during the past year, and they have all been dis-

past year, and they have all been dis-tinguished by success up to a certain point and lack of success beyond it. Also the more completely successful the first stage has been, the more puzzling has appeared to the world the dead end in which that success concluded.

"It must by this time be pretty gen-erally understood how our attacks are launched against the enemy's line. After

haunched against the enemy's line. After the guns have hammered the selected area for so many days their fire is con-centrated for a few hours on the imme-diate front to be attacked, and when the defenders of that front are believed to be all dazed or destroyed the fire is 'lifted' to a more distant objective, and our infantry scramble over their para-nets and dash forward against the hatpets and dash forward against the pets and dash forward against the bat-tered front. When they reach the Ger-man trenches they find, as a rule, but little opposition remaining, and that little fairly easily overcome. The distance they have travelled may vary from a few score to a few hundred yards, and casualties so far have not been

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can engineers and contractors were consulted, and thousands of men were engaged for the work, which was begun simultaneously at both ends. Large gangs of men were sent to intermediate points and ordered to build toward the ends.

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"If the attack is to go further it must

miles of double track a month were com-pleted. The feat was one standing sec-ond only to the construction of the ground, after perhaps months of digging. n proximity to the trench from which the assault is delivered. But the re-serves cannot be so hidden, and have in consequence to be kept some miles in the

A Fair Exchange, Austria Says



ASLAR NIJINSKY, chief male dancer of the Serge de Diaghileff ballet tro-Hungarian authorities at Budapest on December 26. Reports have been received to the effect that Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian Premier, is disposed to exhange the dancer for an Austrian equally celebrated throughout the entire world." The latter, it has been learned, is Dr. Barany, who received the Nobel prize for medicine. He was captured recently by the Russians.



CALL ANGLO-DANISH PACT **BLOW TO NEUTRAL RIGHTS**

British Critics of Trade Agreement Say It Presents Many Difficulties and That Effect Would Be to Weaken Blockade Against Germany.

Special Correspondence to Tan Bus. Lonpon, Dec. 21 .- "While I am confident that the Order in Council was in entire accordance with the principles of

view, which has been expressed more Government's refusal to make known the transport of the Panish trade agreement to regard a front trench system and seems to regard a front trench as a more or less isolated affair which it is a comparatively easy matter to convert to your own defensive uses. Such a mission of the Panish trade agreement against other neutrals who wish to trade with Germany through Denmark. The declares Lord Charles, ward Carson and Admiral Lord Charles, ward Carson paratively easy matter to convert to sour own defensive uses. Such a missure y of any sketch which illustrates a characteristic section of the German defences. From it the difficulties that:

waters backwashes along the Laspland assailants the better, and so they move and Murman coasts and prevents more forward clear of it, dropping bombs in than a thin film of ice ever forming in any dugouts they may come across, till or not at all. Under such circumstances some neutrals will be allowed to do busifind themselves clear of the first or not at all. Under such circumstances some neutrals will be all the dealings of our Government with any ness and some will not. To connect this harbor with Petro-grad by a serviceable railroad was the chief consideration of Russia. Ameri-

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lany ground of the principles of the blockade."
Admiral Lord Charles Beresford deinternational law-although the Ameri- mark, but only with certain Danish the gradual depletion of British to cans have called it in question—it would traders, it is not binding between the mage available for commerce descenses available for commerce descenses available for commerce those most pressing being the commerce of the two countries. become extremely difficult if any exception of any kind were to be grafted upon ford, "is not to be allowed to import more losses and insufficient facilities than she did before the placement, and the demands of the commodities of the commodities of the commodities than she did before the placement, and the demands of the commodities it," is the verdict of Sir Erward Carson, commodities than she did before the placement, and the demands of ex-Attorney-General of England, upon war, but she is to be allowed to import for auxiliary warships and tra-

the greatest advantage from this one- revival of the production of new the greatest advantage from this their sided agreement are those which by their cantile tonnage, but the high stands close proximity to Germany can guaran- of prices for ships built in a reasonab without heavy losses and rarely with the sum of this be.

"It is therefore certain that the agreement on a narrow front, the limit to which such attacks can be pushed to advantage of all neutral such attacks can be pushed to advantage."

"It is therefore certain that the agreement of all neutral sum of the straightforward proceeding. Nations the limit to which such attacks can be pushed to advantage neutrals may not consider it me militates against any large or instruction. The principal cause of the scarcity is the large number of merchant vessels. from the consideration of all neutral understand effective blockage and the large number of merchant traband. We should increase the list requisitioned by the British and Governments for the purpose of

country and I am sure many others are in the same position. In any event the merchants of all countries who trade agreement we are deliberately sanctionwith Denmark must be aware of its with Denmark must be aware of its terms.

"To many it has long appeared that it is by using every ounce of power and advantage which our naval supremacy gives that we can alone bring the war to a successful conclusion in the shortest to a successful conclusion in the shortest time and I believe the British pation.

In gexport to Germany of foodstuffs and other commodities through Denmark. We shall be feeding Germany and so prospect and supremacy ships and the like. "Transports also were required for the expeditionary force and for bring is the continuing it?

The British Government should declare the patrol service and product in the shortest of the patrol service and product in the shor time, and I believe the British nation as absolute contraband everything that would greatly resent any relaxation on Germany needs to prosecute the war."

SEES REACTION IN U.S. WAR HARD ON FOREIGN IN HIGH COTTON PRICE COMMERCE OF AUSTRIA engagements increased and we largely augmented our force to but undertook campaigns of

English Authority Thinks Vienna Figures Show Effect American Growers Lose by Hoarding Staple.

servating which has been understanding the product of the product Guardian says that if America persists have been issued in Vienna covering the in holding back cotton and refusing to foreign trade of Austria in July, August This proportion of tomas sell she will be instrumental in bringing and September of the present year. The quired to take him to he

of Bar on Importations via Italian Ports.

London, Dec. 24.—The Manchester London, Dec. 24.—Official statistics there is also a permanent from the national communication.

BRITISH SHIPS FEW. TRADE ILLS GROW

Demands of War on Tonnage Affect Home Market, and Possibilities Alarm

U. S. FEARED AS RIVAL

Apecial Correspondence to THE SEN. LONDON, Dec. 31 .- Coming demands for large quantities of shipping for transport purposes for the allied armies to state, but which will doubtless be re vealed before long-bid fair to put the British and allied mercantile marines under a great strain and bring about . consequent increase of freights, a matte that is already causing great concern to business interests and to the British

British shipping interests fear that the United States and Scandinavia will profit by this state of affairs. Taking as his text the rumored proposals for the purchases of German vessels laid up in American ports, the naval corre spondent of the Times gives the following interesting review of the situation from a British point of view:

The Scandinavian nations n developing their mercantile fleets and sales of their vessels are prohibited They are engaging also in voyages hitherto made by British ships. In his annual message to Congress President Wilson made a strong point of the neces sity for augmenting the mercantile ing their commercial independence on able extent. The subject is one of great noment to this nation, not only because the maintenance of an effective and ing commerce, but also because a scarcity of merchant shipping may lead to a deficiency of food and other necessaries of life in these islands.

Prices vo. Tonnage.

Some time ago a complaint was mad freights, thus bringing about an avance in the prices of many necessicommodities. The general advance prices, however, is really caused by the

"There are many factors ex-Attorney-General of England, upon the trade agreement concluded between they would do well to stay there and 'consolidate their gains.' But such a view, which has been expressed more than concluded in this country by the transport than complete ignore lately, shows a complete ignore the trade agreement concluded between the trade a

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mands upon the mercantile man have seriously reduced the tona able for commercial purpose expeditions, as they are exten-fresh calls, and there is eve-tion of the demand increasing "Every man taken for "Every man taken for a poses entails a less of propacity. What is not so gen when he is